

United States Mint, Philadelphia, Penn.,

ENGRAVER'S DEPARTMENT,

18th June, 1883.

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Very respectfully

Your obedient servant

Chas. E. Barber

Engraver

Wm A. Loudon, Snowden
Superintendent

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[Abstract:] The force at this Dept. is taxed to the utmost.

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Hon. A. Loudon Snowden
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